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1. On 4 May 1953, three battalions of the 9 Soviet Armored Brigade were unloaded at the freight station of Apahida, about 15 kilometers east of Cluj. The troops came from Lemberg¹ through Sighet in normal gauge railroad cars.
2. One battalion was stationed in Apahida, one in Dezmir, about 12 kilometers east of Cluj and the third at the Pushta Sammiclaus (sic), about 9 kilometers northeast of Cluj. It is not certain whether these three battalions are all that there are in the brigade, or whether there is an intervening regimental organization.
3. The Apahida battalion is equipped with T-60 type tanks. The tanks are arranged in rows in the area between the school building and the Catholic church. The area was immediately surrounded with barbed wire. The men were quartered in seized private houses. The noncommissioned officers wear a tank emblem with the designation "2 B" and red and black shoulder boards.
4. The Dezmir battalion has thirty T-34 tanks, established at the north end of the village behind barbed wire.
5. The third battalion is equipped with heavy tanks, but the exact type could not be observed since the whole area is forbidden.

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